

## VFW OBJECTIVES:

- TO ENSURE THE NATIONAL SECURITY through maximum military strength
- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO SPEED THE REHABILITATION of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.



## POST 2894

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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month – 7:00 pm  
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Quartermaster..... Craig Devonshire  
Chaplain..... Mike Morris  
Surgeon..... Ray Brogan  
Staff Judge Advocate..... Matt Hamel  
Service Officer..... Gary Dunbar

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Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

NEWSLETTER – Vol. IV, Issue 2, April-May 2015 - CORRECTED

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Comrades!

We have GREAT news for this newsletter! Our Ladies Auxiliary was approved by National and will be installed on 8 April! Sandy Dunbar, wife of Comrade and Service Officer Gary, has graciously volunteered to assume the position as the first President of our Post 2894 Ladies Auxiliary. Still, she's going to need help so, on her behalf, I'm requesting that each of you ask your wife, daughter, sister or even mother if she would donate some time in helping with the start up of our Ladies Auxiliary. Our Ladies Auxiliary will form the backbone of our volunteer efforts and will be involved in a large range of activities. With the paramount goal of helping families in distress, its members will help us perform community service, support worthy causes, and act as an advocate for veterans and their families.

One of our Post's biggest events of the year is coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April as well...our Awards Ceremony. We have 10 awardees and a whole host of dignitaries who are coming. One of the honorees is Craig Blackman of Indian River HS who won VFW's National HS Teacher of the Year! The ceremony will be followed by a social event so please plan on coming! And bring your family too!

Because of the busy schedule for 8 April, we **will be** holding the elections for the officers for the next Fraternal Year **at a special meeting on April 18**. Please join me in thanking those Comrades who stepped up to volunteer for leadership positions. I especially want to recognize 4 of our new members who have accepted positions for next year: Mark Rios, Jose Vazquez, Mark Junghans and Tom Black. Thank you!

With warm weather returning to Tidewater, it's time to start thinking about fundraising activities – and of course, our BIGGEST event of the year, the Bataan Death March Memorial Walk on 18 April! We, as a Post, need to be especially grateful to Matt and

Grace Schweers who singlehandedly started this event four years ago and which has now grown to almost 1,000 participants and several hundred volunteers. If everyone in the Post volunteers to help out for even just a couple of hours, it would help out in a way you could not imagine. Please contact the Schweers by e-mail ([matthewschweers@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewschweers@hotmail.com)) or phone (675-7277) and let them know when and how you can help.

We have also schedule some Buddy Poppy events for Armed Forces Day (16 May) and Memorial Day weekend (23-25 May). Please read the enclosed article and consider volunteering some of your time for this worthwhile cause. And don't forget about attending the Memorial Day Ceremony in front of City Hall on 25 May at 11 am.

There is some good news from our Building Committee. As part of the overall Dominion Boulevard construction project, the city took eminent domain over several pieces of property, some of which included buildings. One of these properties has a home and a large steel warehouse and we

have notified the Mayor's office of our interest. It may be another 18 months to 2 years before the buildings can be committed but the Mayor and City Manager are well aware of our interest.

Your Post's financial standing is sound and healthy. We currently have the largest balance in our account that anyone can remember. Of course, that's also before all our expenditures for charity, awards, and more but that's what the whole reason is for collecting money, so we can spend it on worthwhile causes.

Thanks again to all of you for your service to our country! Semper Fidelis,

*Chris Mulholland, Commander*

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## 8 APRIL IS A BIG NIGHT FOR US!

We will be hosting two major events:



At 1700 (5 pm), we will be holding the **Institution and Installation Ceremony** for our new Ladies Auxiliary! Sandy Dunbar (wife of Gary) has graciously volunteered to serve as the first President of our Auxiliary. All members of Post 2894 and their spouses are invited to attend this major event!

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary is the backbone of VFW volunteer efforts and is involved in a kaleidoscopic range of activities. With the paramount goal of helping families in distress, its members perform community service, fund cancer research, fight drug abuse and illiteracy, advocate for the rights of the elderly, and support the VFW National Home, Special Olympics, and other worthy causes. Membership includes not only wives of VFW members, but also their mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters. Foster mothers and foster daughters are also eligible, provided their relationship with the VFW member predates his military service.



At 1900 (7 pm), we will be holding our **annual Awards Ceremony**. We will be honoring 10 outstanding youth and adults who have had major accomplishments during the past year. Here is the list of Post 2894 awardees:

**Voice of Democracy Award** - Elizabeth L. Acors, Jr, Grassfield HS - Winner; Collin J. Horstmann, Sr, Great Bridge HS - Runner-Up; & Adam C. Nowak, Jr, Grassfield HS - Runner-Up

**Scout of the Year** - Hannah E. Wheaton, Venture Crew 824 - Winner; & Kailey S. Kilcrease, Girl Scout Troop 641 - Runner-Up

**Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** - Field Training Officer Brandon K. Morse, CPD

**Emergency Medical Technician of the Year** - Firefighter Paramedic Mandy A. George, CFD

**Firefighter of the Year** - Firefighter Specialist Todd Russell, CFD

**VFW Department of Virginia & National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards** - Officer Selena M. Beaver, CPD

**Department of Virginia, & National VFW High School Teacher of the Year** - Craig H. Blackman, Indian River HS

A number of dignitaries will be in attendance including Mayor Krasnoff, Senator Cosgrove, Police Chief Wright,

Fire Chief Elliott, members of City Council, members of the School Board, President of the Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary, Commander of VFW District 2, and others.

After the two ceremonies, we will be hosting a social gathering with refreshments.

Please come join us, bring your spouse/significant other, and we promise that you'll have a great time!

## 4th ANNUAL BATAAN DEATH MARCH MEMORIAL WALK - April 18, 2015



FRONT

BACK

Keep your calendar clear for the fourth annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail in Deep Creek just off Route 17. We may have three survivors of the original Death March coming as well as a Pearl Harbor survivor so come and meet some genuine heroes!

Since Post 2894 is hosting this event, we would like to see all the members come out and help in any way you can. We will also have assistance from crew members of the USS Bataan (LHD-5) and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) as we host this commemorative event. The flyer for this event can be found at the end of this newsletter along with a sponsorship form. PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY - EVERYONE! We will be selling commemorative t-shirts, dog tags, lapel pins and more to raise funds for Post 2894's charitable works.

You can find additional information on Facebook (Chesapeake Bataan Death March) or the website (<http://walkchesapeake.wix.com/chesapeakebataan>).

## POPPY DRIVES ON ARMED FORCES DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY

The Post will be running Poppy Drives on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, 16 May, and the entire weekend of Memorial Day (23-25 May) in front of the Grassfield Walmart.

VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled, needy, and aging veterans in VA Hospitals and domiciliaries across the country.

The proceeds derived from each sale conducted by VFW Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries are retained locally to provide for veteran services and welfare. The minimal cost of Buddy Poppies to VFW units provides compensation to the veterans who assembled the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs, and



partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans. All the money contributed by the public for Buddy Poppies is used in the cause of veterans' welfare, or for the well-being of their needy dependents and the orphans of veterans.

Comrades Carl Dozier and Matt Schweers are coordinating the volunteers for these respective events. Please contact them as soon as possible with your availability to help out with these important fundraisers.

For Armed Forces Day (16 May) please contact Carl via e-mail (bulldoziero5@gmail.com) or phone (620-0087).

For Memorial Day Weekend (23-25 May) please contact Matt via e-mail (matthewschweers@hotmail.com) or phone (675-7277).

## NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2015-'16

The Election Committee has proposed a slate of officers for the Fraternal Year 2015-16. The election will be held at a special meeting on 18 April at 1000 at the Dismal Swamp Park. The new officers will be installed in a ceremony at the 10 May Post meeting. Here are your officers **nominated** for the coming year:

- Commander – Chris Mulholland
- Senior Vice Commander – John Guill
- Junior Vice Commander – Mark Rios
- Quartermaster – Craig Devonshire
- Chaplain – Mark Junghans
- Judge Advocate – Matt Hamel
- Surgeon – Jose Vazquez
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Ray Brogan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Matt Schweers
- 3rd Year Trustee – Carl Dozier
- Adjutant (appointed) – Tom Benson
- Service Officer (appointed) – Gary Dunbar
- Officer of the Day (appointed) – Tom Black

## THE MEANING BEHIND COINS AND PEBBLES ON HEADSTONES

With Memorial Day coming up shortly, visitors to military gravesites may be presented with the sight of pebbles stones, or coins on top of headstones. Here's the story behind this tradition.

### STONES

There are several explanations as to why visitors leave small stones or pebbles on someone's grave. And it is not strictly a Jewish tradition. For thousands of years, people were buried in tombs or directly in the earth where they had fallen. Stones were then rolled in front of a tomb as a way of sealing it from scavengers and keeping evil spirits from escaping out into the world.

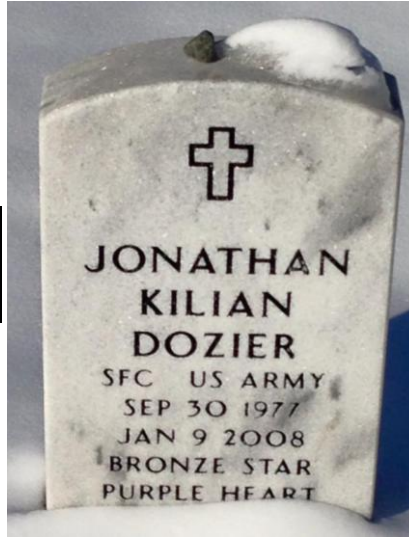
For those buried in the ground, rocks and stones were placed on top of the usually shallow grave to keep animals from digging up the body. These stacks of stones were known as *cairns*. Cairns can be found all over the world and vary in size from a few rocks to man-made hills.

Cairns were built not only as funeral monuments but also for ceremonies and defense. Today they are still constructed to mark trails, as seamarks, as sculpture, and as memorials.

Another reason rocks were left on the grave was based on an Eastern European folklore belief that the dead could haunt their burial place, or return to their family and cause trouble. Stones and rocks were used to prevent the deceased from rising up and escaping the body as a spirit, to torment others.

It is also a Jewish custom to place a stone or pebble on a headstone to indicate that you have visited the grave and to indicate respect for the deceased. Adding a stone was also seen as taking part in the Mitzvah of Matzevah or the 'setting of stone.'

Today, leaving a stone of remembrance is viewed more as a way



of continuing this tradition of commemoration. The more stones found at a grave, the more the deceased has been visited and remembered by others. An example would be the scene in 'Schindler's List' when the people that Oskar Schindler saved visit his grave and honored him by placing stones upon it.

Symbolically, the stones can indicate many things: that love and remembrance are as strong and as lasting as a rock; that as a stone lasts forever so too does love; and that the deceased is with God,

since the Old Testament refers to God as a rock, as in Psalm 18:2 -- "The Lord is my rock..."

Regardless of how the custom came about, it is still an incredible way to remember and respect those who have passed on. Leaving a stone or pebble is a gesture of appreciation for the strong and lasting impression a person has made upon your life. What a wonderful way to leave a lasting tribute of love and honor at the grave site.

### COINS

Coins have a long tradition of being placed on the grave markers of soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Of course, it has different meanings depending on the culture. The ancients would place coins on the eyes of the deceased with a belief that it would cover the fee to cross the river Styx. The tradition of leaving coins with members of the military, especially men or women who have died in combat, dates back to the Roman Empire.

For the United States, the practice became popular during the Vietnam War. With all of the political turmoil in the 60's and 70's surrounding the war, it was a way for friends and comrades to visit a fallen friend and leave a marker to the family that someone had been there to pay respect, without having to contact the family directly, and possibly making a bad situation worse.

Each coin denomination has a different meaning. A friend or a simple acquaintance leaves a penny. Someone who has been through boot camp or other training with the deceased, leaves a nickel. A person who was assigned to an adjoining unit of the deceased may leave a dime. Someone who served in the same unit, or was with the serviceman or woman when he/she died, leaves a quarter.

Some Vietnam veterans leave coins as a "down payment" for a beer or a hand of cards until they are reunited.

This tradition has been held onto by members of the United States military. The money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries remains in place for a time but is eventually collected and then put



toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

And now you know the rest of the story...

References:

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## WWI History, 100 Years Ago Today...

**April 11, 1915** - British troops in Mesopotamia fend off a large attack by the Turks against Basra. The British then branch out to protect their position at Basra, and proceed up the Tigris Valley toward Baghdad.

**April 22, 1915** - The Second Battle of Ypres ("Wipers") begins. Poison gas is used for the first time on the Western Front as the



*Early gas masks in WWI. The yellow-green chlorine gas killed almost everything in its path, men, horses and birds. It burned the eyes, nose and throat and destroyed the lungs. Men drowned as their lungs filled with fluid. As the story goes...a well educated Canadian soldier recognized the smell of chlorine gas and realized that by urinating on a piece of cloth and wearing it over the mouth and nose, the chlorine would be neutralized by the ammonia in the urine.*

German 4th Army attacks French positions around Ypres in northern Belgium. As they attack, the Germans release chlorine gas from over 5,000 cylinders forming poisonous green clouds that drift toward two French African divisions. Lacking any protection, the French quickly retreat. Although this creates a five-mile-wide gap in the Allied lines, the Germans fail to

capitalize due to a lack of reserve troops and cautious frontline troops hesitant to venture too close to the gas clouds. British and Canadians then plug the gap but are unable to regain any ground taken by the Germans. The British then withdraw to a second line of defense, leaving Ypres in Allied hands but virtually surrounded. By the end of the Second Battle of Ypres on 25 May, casualties total 58,000 Allies and 38,000 Germans.

**April 25, 1915** - Allied troops land on the Gallipoli Peninsula in an attempt to unblock the Dardanelles Straits near Constantinople (present day Istanbul, Turkey) to reopen access to Russia through the Black Sea. The landing comes after a failed attempt by British and French warships to force their way through the narrow Straits. The 70,000 landing troops include 15,000 Australians and New Zealanders. The peninsula is heavily defended by Turkish troops, supplied and trained by Germans. Within two weeks, a stalemate develops as the Allies fail to gain any of their objectives and the Turks begin a series of costly attacks attempting to drive out the Allies.

**May 1, 1915** - German U-Boats sink their first American merchant ship, the tanker **Gulflight**, in the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily.

**May 2, 1915** - On the Eastern Front, a combined Austro-German offensive begins against the Russian 3rd Army at Tarnow and Gorlice in Galicia. The attack is preceded by a massive artillery bombardment with over 700,000 shells. This breaks down the defenses of the weakened Russians who now suffer from shortages of artillery shells

and rifles. Within two days, the Austro-Germans break through the lines and the Russians begin a disorganized retreat.

**May 7, 1915** - A German U-Boat torpedoes the British passenger liner **Lusitania** off the Irish coast. It sinks in 18 minutes, drowning 1,201 persons, including 128 Americans. President Woodrow Wilson subsequently sends four diplomatic protests to Germany.

**May 9, 1915** - Following six days of artillery bombardment by over a thousand French guns, the French 10th Army attacks German defense lines in the Artois, advancing toward Vimy Ridge. The French achieve their initial objective, but fail to capitalize on the narrow breach they create in the German lines. The next day, Germans counter-attack and push back the French.

**May 9, 1915** - Complementing the French offensive at Vimy, British and Indian troops launch their second attack against the Germans around Neuve Chapelle in the Artois. However, without sufficient artillery support to weaken the German frontline defenses, the advancing soldiers are decimated by German machine-gun fire. The attack is called off the next day with 11,000 casualties.

**May 15, 1915** - British and Indian troops launch another attack against Germans in the Artois, this time at Festubert, north of Neuve Chapelle. The attack is preceded by a 60-hour artillery bombardment. But the troops advance just 1,000 yards while suffering 16,000 casualties.

**May 23, 1915** - Italy enters the war on the side of the Allies by declaring war on Austria-Hungary. The Italians then launch offensives along the 400-mile common border between Austria and Italy. The better equipped Austrians take advantage of the mountainous terrain to establish strong defensive positions all along the border. The Italians then focus their attacks on the mountain passes at Trentino and the valley of the Isonzo River.

**May 31, 1915** - The first aerial bombing of London occurs as German Zeppelins kill 28 persons.

[www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/firstworldwar/index-1915.html](http://www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/firstworldwar/index-1915.html)

## THE "SECOND" PEARL HARBOR ATTACK

**[May 21<sup>st</sup> marks the anniversary of 'the second attack on Pearl Harbor' – story extracted from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of 20 May 2007]**

*[May 21<sup>st</sup> is the [71<sup>st</sup>] anniversary of the "second attack on Pearl Harbor," when a devastating series of explosions in West Loch destroyed several Navy ships and caused hundreds of casualties. J. Arthur Rath, author of the memoir "Lost Generations: A Boy, a School, a Princess," experienced the disaster safely from the hillside campus of Kamehameha Schools. He later befriended historian Henry W. Schramm, a seaman on a minesweeper inside the harbor that day, who recorded his first-hand account for Rath. We asked Rath to summarize the 1944 West Loch disaster for us.*

**By J. Arthur Rath**

**Special to the Star-Bulletin**

IN THOSE DAYS, Kamehameha School for Boys was mainly a vocational school; we had two years of eleventh grade (low- and high-eleventh) so students in the welding, machine and other shops could receive on-the-job training.

We heard explosions from our hilltop campus, saw smoke rising and ships escaping to sea. On May 21, 1944, we boarding students at Kamehameha Schools believed enemy submarines had returned to Pearl Harbor.

The harbor was swollen with combat ships, cargo vessels and even old World War I four-stackers. Something big was under way.

Henry Schramm, a seaman from Syracuse, N.Y., said his minesweeper was back from January's Marshall Islands campaign. It had joined a large task force of battlewagons, cruisers, landing ships and troop carriers holding a major dress rehearsal off Maui for the invasion of Saipan.



Above, a copy of a photograph shows an LST landing craft at West Loch exploding on May 21, 1944. The boat was loaded for an attack on Saipan. The boat shown in silhouette at center was trying to aid in the rescue effort during a series of explosions that day that killed 163 people.

The fleet loaded its war supplies in Pearl prior to invading the Marianas. While other sailors were on shore leave, Schramm was on the bridge reading at about 1430 hours. A sailor on watch rushed over.

"There's a base fire alert. Can you two-block the fire flag?"

He ran up the signal flag. In a few seconds every ship at Pearl Harbor had raised signals on otherwise naked masts.

Schramm grabbed a pair of binoculars, scanned around the horizon and watched as a gigantic explosion rocked the area.

A truck, then a jeep rose above the blast, seemed to hang forever, then tumbled back into the inferno. Six LST landing ships loaded with ammunition exploded. Other normally land- or sea-based items -- mostly large -- made brief appearances as flying objects, then dropped from sight.

With all the explosives at Pearl, Schramm was worried the whole place would go up.

"Someone said, 'No, the big stuff is in the ammo depot near the harbor mouth.'"

Someone else added, "'Mines and torpedoes are stored there.'" Schramm remembered.

With the rising crescendo of sirens and ships' horns, Schramm glimpsed a massive cloud of black smoke rising from West Loch. Great orange flames flickered. Heavy smoke poured out of a large cargo ship. No tugs accompanied her; she appeared to be a runaway drifting toward that ammunition depot.

The cargo ship lost steerage and drove ever closer to the depot, probably a thousand yards away, then jolted to a stop. It apparently had run aground in the one area from which it could do no damage to the base's stored explosives, nor would it block the channel. It continued to burn at a slower pace, losing the breeze from its forward motion.

Schramm returned to the binoculars and their view of a billowing black and orange foreground superimposed on a deep blue Hawaiian sky.

"The explosions continued, each new burst of flame accompanied by a distinctive boom, reaching us several seconds later," Schramm recalled. "More and more of the northern sky was blotted out by the thick, oily clouds. Fireboats and seagoing tugs with high-pressure hose mounts proceeded

up the channel with sirens going, cutting fierce wakes as they roared forward."

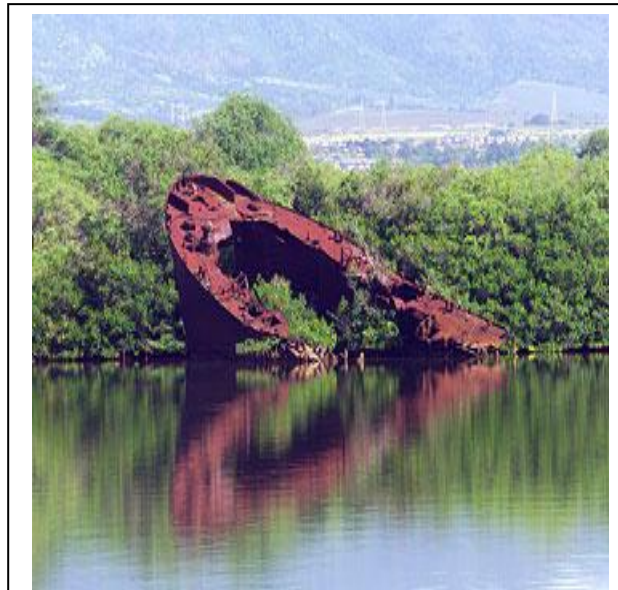
Ships headed out to sea, a remarkable feat by the few who were on board. Dozens of harbor craft began a grim parade from West Loch down the channel, skirting Ford Island, making for Fleet Landing. Shipmates returning from liberty witnessed the unloading of scores of bodies along the pier. Despite the minimal numbers of people aboard the ships, 163 were killed and 396 others were injured.

As darkness approached, Schramm looked to the northwest where fire still glowed. Higgins boats continued to trek toward the fire site and return with more depressing cargo.

In just six hours, hundreds of lives had been snuffed out or changed forever; millions of dollars in Navy ships and war materiel had been destroyed.

What had caused the disaster? Initial thoughts went toward a Japanese suicide mission or sabotage. Kamehameha seniors apprenticing at Pearl Harbor brought back a story circulating around the base that a Japanese welder had purposely set off anti-aircraft shells in an ammunition locker with sparks from his torch.

The U.S. Navy's investigation report, declassified many years after the event, states that explosions actually originated from the cigarettes of servicemen working on the LSTs,



The rusting bow of LST 480 is left at Hanaloa Point in Pearl Harbor as a reminder of the West Loch disaster.

roughly handling ammunition -- including five-inch projectiles and phosphorous bombs -- while smoking. A prominent sign in the area stated "No Smoking." No welding was being performed in the indicated areas of the initial explosion. There was no evidence of sabotage.

Other islanders knew nothing more than what was

relegated to a single paragraph on newspapers' front pages, advising readers of an "insignificant" fire with few casualties at the Navy base. News was controlled by martial law governing the Territory of Hawaii.

In reality, the disaster was big enough to delay the attack on the Marianas, giving more than 15,000 invading Americans and more than 45,000 defending Japanese an additional week of life.

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**APRIL IS DRIVING DISTRACTED**  
**AWARENESS MONTH**

**Calls kill**

Hands-free is not risk-free

**A habit worth breaking**

The ringing of a phone or pinging of a text creates irresistible urges for many people to answer the call, read the message or respond. To avoid these temptations:

- Turn off your cell phone, or put it on silent, before driving
- Toss your cell phone in the trunk or glove box to avoid temptation
- Pre-set your navigation system and music playlists before driving
- Schedule stops to check voicemails, emails and texts
- Set special ring tones for important incoming calls, and pull off to a safe place to take them
- Tell coworkers, family and friends not to call or text you when they know you're driving
- Start all conference calls by asking if anyone is driving, and have them call back when they are in a safe location
- Install an app on your phone that disables it while your vehicle is in motion
- Ask a passenger to answer incoming calls and say "You'll call back when not driving"
- Change your voicemail greeting to tell people that you may be driving and you'll call them back when you can safely do so

**Positive side effects of not using a phone while driving:**

- ✓ More likely to arrive safely at your destination
- ✓ Feeling more relaxed; some of our best ideas and solutions come when we are at ease
- ✓ Not letting your phone control you
- ✓ Being able to have a conversation with your passengers
- ✓ Avoiding crashes and their associated costs – doctor visits, auto repairs, court fees

Take the "Focused Driver" Challenge today. You can find more information on the risks of using cell phones while driving at [nsc.org/cellfree](http://nsc.org/cellfree).

Read more at [www.nsc.org/DistractedDrivingDocuments/DDAM-2015-factsheet-habit-worth-breaking.pdf](http://www.nsc.org/DistractedDrivingDocuments/DDAM-2015-factsheet-habit-worth-breaking.pdf)

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**MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL**  
**SAFETY MONTH**

May is National Electrical Safety Month and a good time review electrical safety practices. There are over 400 electrocutions in the United States each year. Of these, approximately 180 are related to consumer products. Large appliances were responsible for the largest proportion of the electrocutions —10 percent.

Electrocutions from wiring hazards, including damaged or exposed wiring and household wiring together totaled approximately 20 percent.

Ladders contacting power lines caused 9 percent of electrocutions; in another 5 percent of deaths, victims contacted high voltage power lines.

Power tools were responsible for another 9 percent of deaths.

Landscaping, gardening and farming equipment cause 7 percent of electrocutions each year. In the work place, data from the National Safety Council indicate that electrical hazards cause nearly one workplace fatality every day.

Annually, electrical hazards are listed as the cause of approximately 4,000 injuries. Electricity ranks sixth among all causes of occupational injury in the United States.

Electrical incidents, while only a small portion of those that occur on-the-job, are far more likely to be fatal.

**AVOID OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL HAZARDS AT WORK AND HOME**

Warmer weather brings an increase in outdoor, both on the job and at home. The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) notes that following safety rules can reduce electrical deaths and injuries:

- ◆ Ladders—even those made of wood—that contact a power line can prove fatal.
- ◆ Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.
- ◆ Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs and cracked or broken housing and repair or replace damaged items.
- ◆ Water does not mix with electricity. Avoid damp conditions — including wet grass — when using electricity.

**GFCIs: TOP SAFETY DEVICE**

Installing a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) in every home and workplace could prevent nearly 70 percent of the approximately 400 electrocutions that occur each year. GFCIs are especially useful for cord-connected appliances and equipment used outdoors or near water.

25 percent of U.S. consumers don't understand the purpose of their GFCIs.

Over 25 percent of consumers do not know that GFCIs can help prevent electrocution.

Nearly one-half of U.S. families never test their GFCIs.

Among those who routinely test their GFCIs, none do so according to safety recommendations — **at least once a month and after storms**. Electrocutions do not tell the entire story. Electricity is the cause of over 140,000 fires each year, resulting in 400 deaths, 4,000 injuries and \$1.6 billion in property damage.

Total economic losses due to electrical hazards are estimated to exceed \$4 billion annually.

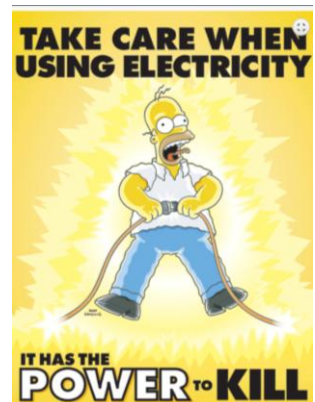
To test your GFCIs, follow this simple procedure:

- ◆ Push the "Reset" button of the GFCI receptacle to prepare the unit for testing.
- ◆ Plug a light into the GFCI and turn it on. The light should now be ON.
- ◆ Push the "Test" button of the GFCI. The light should go OFF.
- ◆ Push the "Reset" button again. The light should again turn ON.

The light should go out when the test button is pushed. If the light does not go out, then the GFCI is not working or has been installed incorrectly. If the "Reset" button pops out during the test but the light does not go out, the GFCI may have been improperly wired. In this case, the GFCI may have been damaged and does not offer shock protection. Contact a qualified electrician to check the GFCI and correct the problem.

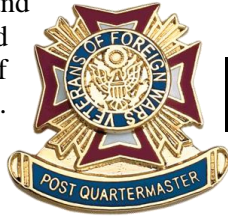
**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND LINKS**

For additional electrical safety information, visit the Electrical Safety Foundation International's web site at [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org) or call 703-841-3229.



## YOU CAN HELP!

If you are looking to get involved and help the Post improve its work for and with veterans, think about joining one of the recently established committees. Contact one of the members of the committees you're interested in and let them know you'd like to help:



- **Budget Committee:** Chair – Carl Dozier, Chris Mulholland. Looking for additional volunteers.
- **Awards Committee:** Jose Vazquez, Matt Schweers, Mark Junghans, and Chris Mulholland
- **Membership Committee:** John Guill, Mark Rios, Gary Dunbar, and Chris Mulholland
- **Building Committee:** Carl Dozier and Gary Dunbar

### FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES IN NEED, THE NATIONAL HOME HELPLINE IS JUST A TOLL-FREE CALL AWAY

The National Home Helpline is the gateway to help for military and veterans' families, providing connections with supportive services and resources in communities all across the nation as well as referrals to our on-campus programs.

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The toll-free Helpline is answered Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

**1-800-313-4200, [help@vfnationalhome.org](mailto:help@vfnationalhome.org)**

## QUARTERMASTER DESK

### Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$35.50.

Annual dues can be paid via mail (see our new address on front of newsletter) or to the Quartermaster at one of our meetings.

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## APRIL MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1863 The US adopts conscription for the Civil War
- 1893 USN establishes the rate of Chief Petty Officer
- 1945 Okinawa: 60,000 US soldiers & Marines land, on Easter Sunday
- 1945 US First & Ninth Armies meet to form Ruhr pocket
- 1954 US Air Force Academy established
- 1954 US Army forms its first helicopter battalion, Fort Bragg, NC
- 1991 Warsaw Pact officially dissolves
- 2** 1827 Construction of first U.S. Naval Hospital begins, Portsmouth, Va
- 1865 Battles of Petersburg/Ft Gregg/Sutherland's Station, Va: Robert E. Lee is forced to evacuate Richmond
- 1917 Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany
- 1982 Argentina invades Falkland Is, initiating 72-day losing war with Britain
- 3** 1865 Union forces occupy Richmond & Petersburg, to tune of "Dixie"
- 1948 Harry Truman signs the Marshall Plan
- 4** 1776 First USN victory at sea: USS 'Columbus' captures HM Tender 'Hawke'
- 1862 Yorktown: First serious fighting of the Peninsular Campaign
- 1865 Lincoln sits in Jeff Davis' chair, in Confederate White House
- 1942 Bataan: Pilipino-American forces fall back after Japanese break through
- 1943 4th Marine Div activated at San Diego
- 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) formed
- 5** 1951 Julius & Ethel Rosenberg, atomic spies, sentenced to death
- 1986 Berlin: two US servicemen & Turkish woman die in terrorist bombing
- 1991 US begins relief air drops to Kurds in north Iraq
- 6** Army Day and National Tartan Day
- 1862 Battle of Shiloh, Day 1: Confederate success
- 1866 Union veterans form Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)
- 1917 US declares war on Germany, enters World War I
- 1945 Okinawa: Massive kamikaze attack on US fleet sinks 6 ships
- 7** 1862 Battle of Shiloh, Day 2: Grant defeats the Confederates
- 1942 USN agrees to accept black Americans for general service
- 1943 Japanese a/c inflict heavy losses on Allied shipping around Guadalcanal
- 1945 First Navy Nurses land on Iwo Jima: Lt, jg, Ann Purvis & Ens Jane Kendeigh
- 1949 Rogers & Hammerstein's "South Pacific" opens at Majestic on Broadway for 1928 performances
- 1980 President Jimmy Carter breaks relations with Iran over hostage crisis
- 8** Feast of St Walther Gautier of Pontoise, Patron Saint of POWs
- 1865 Lee's retreat cut off near Appomattox Court House
- 1956 Parris Is, SC: Six Marine recruits drown during unauthorized night exercise
- 9** 1865 Appomattox: Robert E Lee & Army of Northern Virginia surrenders
- 1898 Lt Andrew S. Rowan leaves for Cuba with " message for Garcia."

- 1942 Bataan: 75,000 US & Filipino troops surrender to Japanese other targets
- 10** 1918 Near Toul, in eastern France, 104th Infantry begins 4 day determined defense against German assault, to become 1st American regt awarded Croix de Guerre
- 1945 Allies liberate Buchenwald concentration camp
- 1963 USS 'Thresher' (SSN-593) sinks east of Cape Cod, 124 die
- 11** 1863 Battle of Suffolk, VA
- 1898 Pres McKinley asks for Declaration of War against Spain
- 1899 Treaty of Paris: Spain cedes Puerto Rico, Philippines, Guam to US
- 1900 USN accepts first submarine, USS 'Holland', originally designed for Fenians
- 1942 American merchant mariners authorized to receive DSM
- 1951 Harry S Truman fires Gen Douglas McArthur
- 12** 1861 Confederates shell Fort Sumter, initiating the Civil War
- 1911 First US naval aviator: Lt Theodore Ellyson
- 1916 Battle of Hacienda Santa Cruz de la Villegas: Maj. Charles Young, senior black officer in US Army, leads squadron of 10th Cav ("Buffalo Soldiers") to rescue white 13th Cav, besieged by Mexicans
- 1924 Off Balboa, Panama, 19-year old hooker Madeline Blair found aboard USS 'Arizona' (BB-39), plying her trade since ship left New York a month earlier
- 1942 Bataan: Japanese massacre c. 400 Filipino officers
- 1966 First B-52 raids on North Vietnam
- 1993 Bosnia: USS 'Theodore Roosevelt' (CVN-71) & NATO a/c initiate no-fly zone
- 14** 1818 US Army Medical Corps formed
- 1865 Abraham Lincoln mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre, on Good Friday
- 1898 USS 'Solace' commissioned, first hospital ship in USN since 1865, and only purpose-built hospital ship in history of fleet
- 1912 RMS 'Titanic' strikes an ice berg, c. 11:40 pm
- 1945 Tokyo fire bomb raids: B-29s damage Imperial Palace
- 15** 1861 Ft Sumter surrenders
- 1861 Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers
- 1865 The Stars and Stripes are again hoisted over Ft Sumter
- 1947 Former Army 2nd Lt Jackie Robinson begins playing for Brooklyn Dodgers, integrating modern Major League baseball
- 1952 First test flight of a prototype B-52
- 1986 US a/c raid terrorist bases in Libya, following Berlin disco bombing
- 2013 Russian Muslim terrorists set off bomb at finish line of Boston Marathon killing 3 and wounding 264.
- 16** 1916 French Army forms the Escadrille Americaine.
- 1945 US troops enter Nuremberg
- 1945 USS 'Laffey' (DD-724) survives six kamikaze hits, off Okinawa
- 1946 US launches captured V-2 rocket, White Sands, NM
- 1947 Congress grants Navy Nurses full commissioned status
- 17** 1846 Battle of Cerro Gordo: Winfield Scott defeats Mexican Army
- 1861 Virginia is 8th state to secede from Union
- 1864 Grant suspends POW exchanges over Confederate refusal to treat black troops as soldiers
- 1961 Bay of Pigs: 1,400 Cuban exiles land to overthrow Castro
- 18** 1644 Thousands of Pamunky and allied Indians raid Virginia Colony, killing 500 settlers, initiating 32-months' long Second Tidewater War, in which colonists triumph
- 1775 Paul Revere, Samuel Prescott, & William Dawes make a "midnight ride"
- 1934 US Army stops issuing sabers to the cavalry
- 1942 Doolittle Raid: 16 B-25Bs off CV Hornet strike Tokyo and
- 1942 World War II edition of "Stars & Stripes" begins publication in England
- 19** 1775 The Battles of Lexington & Concord -- "The Shot Heard 'Round the World"
- 1783 Congress orders hostilities with Britain at an end, eight years after "The Shot Heard 'Round the World."
- 1909 Canonization of Joan of Arc, Patron of Soldiers, & Women in Military Service
- 1919 Leslie Irvin of US makes 1st free fall parachute jump
- 1941 US Marines begin construction of airfield on Wake Island
- 1989 USS 'Iowa' (BB-61) gun turret explosion, 47 die
- 20** 1789 George Washington sworn in as 1st President, Federal Hall, NY
- 1861 Union forces burn and abandon Gosport (Norfolk, Va) Navy Yard.
- 21** 1836 Battle of San Jacinto: Texas secures independence from Mexico
- 1898 US declares war on Spain
- 1914 US Marines and sailors occupy Vera Cruz, Mexico
- 22** 1944 New Guinea: U.S. Army troops land near Hollandia
- 23** Feast of St. George, Patron of Soldiers
- 1861 Robert E Lee named major general and commander of Virginia state forces
- 1945 Allies in Italy reach Po River
- 24** 1863 War Dept issues GO No 100, Law of Land Warfare, first US ROE.
- 1943 US 7th Inf Div. trained for desert warfare, sails from San Francisco to Alaska
- 1944 1st Boeing B-29 arrives in China over Himalayas -- "the Hump"
- 1980 "Desert One": US operation to save 52 hostages in Iran, fails, 8 die
- 25** 1862 Farragut occupies New Orleans, La
- 1875 Combat on Pecos: Lt. John Bullis and Black Seminole Indian Scouts SGT John Ward, Trumpeter Isaac Payne, & PVT Pompey Factor rout 25-30 Lipan Indian raiders, for which the Scouts are awarded the Medal of Honor
- 1914 First USN air combat mission: Lt. Patrick Bellinger conducts reconnaissance over Veracruz, receiving some damage from machine gun fire.
- 1945 Last Boeing B-17 attack against Nazi Germany
- 1945 US & Soviet forces meet at Torgau on Elbe River
- 1960 USS Triton completes 1st submerged circumnavigation of globe
- 26** 1607 English colonists land at Cape Henry, Va
- 1805 William Eaton and Lt Presley O'Bannon attack Derna, Libya and phrase, "to the shores of Tripoli" enters national lexicon.
- 27** 1773 British Parliament passes Tea Act, leads to Boston Tea Party
- 1778 John Paul Jones begins a two-day raid on Whitehaven, U.K.
- 1813 Toronto captured by Americans under Gen Zebulon Pike
- 1861 Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson assumes command at Harper's Ferry
- 1945 US Fifth Army liberates Genoa
- 28** 1945 US Fifth Army reaches Italian-Swiss border
- 1956 French leave Vietnam
- 1965 US Marines land in Dominican Republic, stay until Oct 1966
- 1967 Mohammad Ali refuses induction into the army
- 1971 Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr., promoted to Rear Admiral; first black admiral in US Navy
- 29** 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville begins
- 1945 US liberates Nazi concentration camp in Dachau
- 1970 US & South Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia



- 1975 Last US personnel pull out of Vietnam
- 30** 1492 Ferdinand & Isabella agree to bankroll Columbus
- 1798 US establishes Department of the Navy
- 1900 US annexes Hawaii
- 1908 1<sup>st</sup> Co., Signal Corps, 71st Reg, NYNG, formed to conduct aeronautical operations, redesignated 106th Rescue Wing, oldest Air Guard unit.
- 1945 American & Soviet forces link up at Torgau in Germany

circumnavigation

- 1968 Vietnam War: Paris peace talks begin, as does Battle of Hamburger Hill
- 11** 1862 CSS 'Virginia/Merrimac' is scuttled in James River
- 1938 First USCG award of DFC, LT C. B. Olsen, for rescue at sea
- 12** 1607 Foundation of Jamestown, Virginia
- 1789 NYC Revolutionary War veterans form Society of St Tammany
- 1943 Trident Conference: Roosevelt and Churchill plan strategy
- 1975 US merchant ship 'Mayaguez' seized by Cambodian forces
- 13** 1908 The Navy Nurse Corps is established
- 1943 USN Bureau of Navigation becomes Bureau of Naval Personnel
- 14** 1653 Massachusetts Council declares that one 8<sup>th</sup> of each militia company be available to march on 1 day's warning.
- 1801 Tripoli declares war on US, initiating First Tripoli War (1801-1805)
- 1804 Lewis & Clark Expedition sets out from St Louis
- 1836 Mexican President Santa Anna, prisoner of Texans, signs Treaty of Velasco, conceding Texan independence.
- 1845 USS 'Constitution' lands Marines at Danang, Indochina
- 1856 USS 'Supply' delivers 50 Turkish camels to US Army at Indianola, Texas
- 1942 The US Army forms Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)
- 1945 US offensive on Okinawa, Sugar Loaf Hill captured
- 1975 US raids free Cambodian-held ship 'Mayaguez' with heavy losses
- 15** 1862 Ben Butler issues his famous "Woman Order," and proves every woman in New Orleans is a lady
- 1939 Dupont introduces nylon; within year Japanese sales of silk to US fall 30 percent
- 1940 First successful test flight of American helicopter, Vought-Sikorsky US-300
- 17** 1987 USS 'Stark' (FFG-31) hit by Iraqi missiles, 37 sailors die
- 18** 1775 1st USS 'Enterprise' enters service, prize taken by Benedict Arnold on Lake Champlain
- 1861 Battle of Sewall's Point, VA
- 1917 Congress passes the Selective Service Act
- 19** 1951 UN begins counter offensive in Korea
- 1958 NORAD is formed
- 1967 US bombs Hanoi
- 20** 1912 Battlecruiser SMS 'Moltke' reaches Hampton Roads, only visit to US by German capital ship
- 1930 Pres. Hoover reviews US Fleet off Virginia Capes
- 21** 1861 Richmond, Va, designated Capital of Confederacy
- 1881 Clara Barton founds American Red Cross
- 1917 Leo Pinckney is first American drafted during WW I
- 1944 West Loch, Pearl Harbor: ammo-laden LST blows up, 6 LSTs lost, 200 killed
- 1968 USS 'Scorpion' (SSN-589) sinks off Azores, 99 die
- 22** National Maritime Day
- 1959 Benjamin O Davis Jr. (USMA '36) becomes first black Army general
- 1985 US sailor Michael L Walker arrested for spying for USSR
- 23** 1775 Virginian Patrick Henry says "Give me Liberty or give me death!"
- 1862 Valley Campaign: Stonewall Jackson takes Front Royal, Virginia
- 24** 1764 James Otis coins phrase "No taxation without representation!"
- 1861 Benjamin Butler declares fugitive slaves Frank Baker, Shepard Mallory, & James Townsend "contraband of war"

## MAY MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1862 David Farragut captures New Orleans
- 1898 Battle of Manila Bay: Adm Dewey orders, "You may fire when ready."
- 1931 Empire State Building opens
- 1960 Francis Gary Powers' U-2 spy plane shot down over Sverdlovsk
- 2** 1863 Stonewall Jackson wounded by own men at Chancellorsville, dies May 10th
- 1945 Berlin formally surrenders to Red Army
- 1945 German forces in Italy surrender
- 3** 1846 Mexican army invades Texas
- 1861 Lincoln orders expansion of Army by 23,000 and Navy by 18,000
- 1943 US 1st Armored Div captures Mateur, Tunisia
- 1946 Military Tribunal in Tokyo begins war crimes trials
- 4** 1946 US Marines recapture Alcatraz from rioting prisoners
- 1970 Ohio National Guard kills four students at Kent State
- 5** 1814 British attack Ft Ontario, Oswego, NY
- 1862 Cinco de Mayo: Mexican forces defeat the French at Puebla
- 1862 Peninsular Campaign: Battle of Williamsburg, VA
- 1864 Battle of Wilderness: Germanna Ford/Wilderness Tavern
- 1908 The Great White Fleet reaches San Francisco
- 1942 Philippines: Japanese troops land on Corregidor
- 1945 Oregon: Japanese balloon bomb kills a pregnant woman and five children
- 1965 First large US ground units arrive in South Vietnam
- 6** 1937 Hindenburg disaster, Lakehurst, NJ, 36 die
- 1941 Bob Hope stages his first USO show, March Field, California
- 1945 Axis Sally makes her last broadcast
- 1962 USS 'Ethan Allen' (SSBN-608) fires first nuclear warhead from submerged sub
- 7** 1942 Battle of Coral Sea begins
- 1954 Dien Bien Phu: Vietminh overrun French after 55-day siege
- 1989 Panama: Manuel Noriega seizes power after losing election
- 8** 1886 Confederate veteran John S. Pemberton invents Coca Cola
- 1911 Birth of Naval Aviation: USN orders first airplane, a Curtiss A-1
- 1942 Battle of Coral Sea, Day 2: USS 'Lexington' (CV-2) sunk
- 1945 V-E Day; Germany signs unconditional surrender
- 1952 US conducts first H-Bomb test, Eniwetok Atoll
- 9** 1831 Alexis de Tocqueville arrives at Newport, RI, for 10 month tour
- 1926 Lt Cdr Richard Byrd & CMM Floyd Bennett fly over North Pole
- 10** 1676 Bacon's Rebellion begins in Virginia
- 1775 Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allan, & Green Mountain Boys capture Ticonderoga
- 1862 Confederates torch & evacuate Norfolk & Pensacola Navy Yards
- 1960 USS 'Triton' (SSN-586) completes first submerged

- 25 1787 Constitutional Convention opens in Philadelphia  
1961 JFK pledges the US will put a man on the moon by 1970
- 26 1945 US fire bomb raid on Tokyo
- 27 1607 Battle of Jamestown: English settlers repulse attack by 200 Indians
- 28 1830 Congress authorizes Indian removal from Eastern states  
1980 First 55 women graduate from U.S. Naval Academy
- 29 1945 Okinawa: 1st Marine Division Captures Shuri Castle
- 30 1868 The first "Decoration Day", designated by GAR Commander-in-Chief Maj Gen John Logan  
1958 Unknown soldiers of WWII & Korean War entombed in Arlington National Cemetery  
1962 USS 'Arizona' Memorial dedicated in Pearl Harbor
- 31 1900 Boxer Rebellion: Multi-national relief forces reach Peking

## FROM THE EDITOR

If you are interested in submitting articles, photos, updates on events, for inclusion in the newsletter, please send them to me at:

505 Piping Rock Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322  
757-482-4981 or [majmule@verizon.net](mailto:majmule@verizon.net)

**If you know of a business or anyone who would like to help sponsor Post 2894, please let them know that their help will be recognized in the newsletter.**

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Semper fidelis,

- Chris Mulholland

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To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

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| Always put the interests of our members first  | Treat donors as partners in our cause     |
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| Promote a positive image of the VFW            | Respect the diversity of veteran opinions |





4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**BATAAN DEATH MARCH**  
**MEMORIAL WALK**



APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 | DISMAL SWAMP TRAIL, CHESAPEAKE

Take a part in a walking event commemorating the 73<sup>RD</sup> Anniversary of the Bataan Death March of World War II. Honor the 90,000 US and Filipino Servicemen who suffered and endured one of the most harrowing events in history.

The March is free & open to all. Families are invited, active duty military can come as a unit.

THREE WALK EVENTS:

16.6 mile walk | 06:00 start - walk to the NC border and back (0545 last check-in)

5 mile walk | 10:00 start (0945 last check-in)

1 mile family walk | 11:00 start (1045 last check-in)

Closing remarks honoring the veterans | 12:00

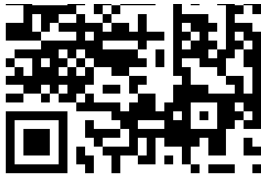
Participation is free, there will be an opportunity to donate to VFW Post 2894 for food and Tee Shirts after the event. Register on-line at Facebook @ Chesapeake Bataan Death March or [walk.chesapeake@gmail.com](mailto:walk.chesapeake@gmail.com)



# **POST 2894 CALENDAR**

<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	
3	Good Friday
5	Easter
8	Post Meeting, 1700 – Ladies Auxiliary 1900 – Awards Ceremony
11	Dismal Swamp Stomp Half Marathon
15	Tax Day
18	Bataan Death March Memorial Walk
23-25	Virginia International Tattoo

<b><u>MAY</u></b>	
8	Military Spouses Day
10	Mother's Day
13	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
15	Peace Officers' Memorial Day
16	Armed Forces Day / Buddy Poppy Drive, Grassfield Walmart
23-25	Buddy Poppy Drive, Grassfield Walmart
25	Memorial Day Ceremony, City Hall, 1100



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